



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Internal auditors help their organizations meet their objectives by monitoring risks and ensuring controls in place are adequate to mitigate those risk; and

**WHEREAS,** internal auditors - along with the board, executive management, and the external auditors - are corporate governance cornerstones and help their organizations comply with new legislation and regulations for enhanced corporate governance; and

**WHEREAS,** the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), an international professional association with global headquarters in Altamonte, has 90,000 members in internal auditing, governance, internal control, IT, education, and security. With representation from more than 100 countries, The Institute is the acknowledged leader in certification, education, research, and technological guidance for the profession worldwide; and

**WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana has 4 IIA chapters representing more than 500 members; and

**WHEREAS,** the Institute of Internal Auditors established the Certified Internal Auditor Program in August 1974 to enhance the recognition of internal auditing and provide proper direction to internal auditors seeking to further their professional development and advancement; and

**WHEREAS,** Certified Internal Auditors (CIAs) are members of a recognized professional group who have earned the only professional designation for internal auditors that is recognized worldwide; and

**WHEREAS,** the Institute is celebrating International Internal Audit Awareness Month in May 2004.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2004, as

**INTERNAL AUDITOR AWARENESS MONTH**

in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, April  
the 20<sup>th</sup> 2004 day of  
A.D.,*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana